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SUBJECT: GERMAN POSITION RE EC PROPOSAL ON MIP'S FOR
SELECTED PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

REF: A. EC BRUSSELS 3406 OF JUNE 20,1973; B. BONN 1770;
C. BONN 2613

1. SUMMARY: THE FRG RECENTLY DECIDED TO BASICALLY HONOR
THE COMPROMISE REACHED BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON
MIP'S BUT REPORTEDLY WILL STRONGLY RESIST THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF MIP'S FOR CANNED PEACHES AND CITRUS CONCENTRATES
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-- BOTH PRODUCTS OF VITAL INTEREST TO THE U.S.END SUMMARY

2. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THE FRG, DURING AN INTERAGENCY MEETING ON MARCH 22, 1974, DECIDED ON ITS POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE EC COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL OF JAN. 9, 1974 REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES FOR CERTAIN PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

3. BEFORE THIS FINAL FRG INTERAGENCY MEETING TOOK PLACE, EMBASSY AGAIN EXPRESSED U.S. OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL BY LETTER (DATED MARCH 20, 74) TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND TO THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS, AND BY RENEWED DIRECT CONTACT WITH FEDMINAG (SEE REF.B).

4. AFTER THE POLICY MEETING, WE WERE INFORMED THAT THE FRG CONSIDERS ITSELF BOUND TO THE COMPROMISE REACHED DURING THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING OF JUNE 18-20, 73 (SEE REF.A). HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, THE FRG WILL STRONGLY RESIST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MIP'S FOR PEACHES AND CITRUS JUICE CONCENTRATES IN FUTURE MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS, AND WILL REPORTEDLY USE ALL ITS INFLUENCE TO SEE THAT THESE TWO PRODUCTS ARE REMOVED FROM THE EC COMMISSION PROPOSAL. THE FRG REALIZES THAT THESE PRODUCTS ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE U.S.

5. OUR SOURCES INDICATED THAT AFTER A RENEWED CLOSE REVIEW OF THE MATTER, THE FRG FEELS THERE IS INSUFFICIENT LEGAL BASIS TO TIE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MIP'S TO THE FINAL COUNCIL DECISION ON THE FUTURE EC MEDITERRANEAN POLICY (SEE REF.C) AND THEREBY DELAY THE APPLICATION OF MIP'S EVEN FURTHER.

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